New System Version is Available!

3/2/2017

We know you're itching to start playing some games on your Nintendo Switch console, but hold on for a sec! Before you get started, please download our latest system update to unlock some great features.

(And if you already downloaded the update, you're a rock star! Or rather…an "unlock star!")

Here's a handy list of what's this update:

Network Features

- Play games with your friends online.
- Add players to your friend list.
- Share screenshots from your album to Facebook and Twitter.
- Browse and shop for digital content on Nintendo eShop.
- Keep up-to-date with new games, eShop discounts, and promotions via the news feature. We'll be updating news often so give it a look!

More Fun Stuff

- The option to turn off your TV automatically when placing the Nintendo Switch Console in the Nintendo Switch dock.

You can start the update process (or check if you're already up-to-date) by using the button below.

Happy gaming!

Amelia

♦ Online multiplayer available for free until the paid online service launches in fall 2017. Not available in all countries. Visit Nintendo's website for details.

♦ Power functionality not available for all TVs. May require you to configure options on your TV before use. To turn on this feature for the Nintendo Switch console. Head to ☼ (System Settings) ⇢ TV Settings ⇢ Match TV Power State.

Useful Facts:

- Friends can be added from My Page. Head to the HOME Menu and check it out on the upper left.
- Most network services require a Nintendo Account. Sign up at accounts.nintendo.com today!
- You can always find the System Update option by going to ☼ (System Settings) ⇒ System. You can also check your current version number here. (These notes are for System Version 2.0.0 just so ya know.)
- Gotta go now--I'm going to play some games!

New System Version is Available!

6/20/2017

Hi everyone! There's a special feeling in the air—do you feel it? Is it the taste of vanilla on a great big waffle cone? Is it a warm, summer breeze? No, it's a new system update! Your Nintendo Switch™ console is ready to receive a few exciting features. Let's talk about them real quick.

- Friends from your Nintendo 3DS™ and Wii U™ Friend Lists can now be added to your Nintendo Switch Friend List. Check My Page ⇒ Friend Suggestions

- You'll now be able to be notified when your Friends go online. Or if you prefer, you can also turn these notifications off. Just go to System Settings ⇒ Notifications ⇒ Friend Notifications.

- Can't find controllers? No worries! You can locate your synced controllers from Controllers ⇒ Find Controllers. This will make your controllers vibrate and easier to find.

- You can now increase and decrease the system volume from Quick Settings. Just hold down the HOME Button. ♦ Headphone levels can also be set to a higher volume.* To turn this on or off, go to System Settings ⇒ System ⇒ Lower Max Headphone Volume**
- New Features found under System Settings.
    - New Splatoon 2™ Profile Icons
    - You can change the order of User Icons
- There are additional adjustments and features for a more pleasant user experience. It's very pleasant indeed.

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version if you don't know), check out the link below. Oh, and don't forget to press the "Great!" button if you liked this news article. That would be very encouraging for me!

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

* While using headphones, please avoid listening at higher volumes for an extended period of time. Higher volumes can lead to issues with hearing.

** When Parental Controls are turned on, Lower Max Headphone Volume will be turned on by default.

Oh, and three more useful notes:

- Friends can be added from My Page on the top left of the HOME Menu.
- The list of changes above are included in System Version 3.0.0. You can check the system version in Settings ⇛ System Settings.
- Having typing trouble? Try attaching a USB keyboard (sold separately) to the dock. It may make things much speedier! (Especially when posting fun screenshots from your Album.)
  Oh my, you read through it all. Thank you for doing that!

News has received an update.

6/20/2017

Hi everyone! We hope that you've been reading (and enjoying) news articles on your Nintendo Switch™ console. We're having fun making them, but now it's time to add something new. Introducing…channels!

(*pause for applause*)

Wait, no applause? Oh, maybe I should explain them first! If you follow a game channel that you are interested in, you will start to receive news about a specific game. These articles will appear in your feed with the rest of the news. It's pretty neat.

There are three ways to follow channels:

1) Head to the top right of the News List screen and locate the Find Channels button. You can browse different channels and preview some of the articles before you decide to follow it.

2) Select news channels will be featured on Nintendo News articles. You can follow them straight from the article!
3) If news channels are available for a certain game, you'll be automatically subscribed to them when you first play that game.*
So be on the lookout for new channels! We hope you like it.

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

* Channel settings can be changed in System Settings ⇒ System ⇒ News Channel Settings.

- Some channels may only be available for a limited amount of time.
- This feature is included in "System Version 3.0.0". You can verify the system version in System Settings ⇒ System.
- Some people may call this "news news about news news.: Or maybe that's just me…

New system update available!

10/18/2017

Hello everyone, today is a big day! Why do you ask? Because it's National System Update Day!

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Wait, no, I don't think that's actually a thing. But hey, there IS a new system update and it's called Version 4.0.0. Let's talk about the brand new features.

- ★ Video Capture for select games. Hold down ⧈ during gameplay to create a video clip of the last 30 seconds. You can check out saved videos in your album, trim the beginning and end of each clip, and post videos to Facebook and Twitter. Show your skills to the world!
- ★ New Profile icons featuring Characters from the Super Mario Odyssey™ games and The Legend of Zelda™: Breath of the Wild game (check out all the mustaches).
- ★ You can now transfer user profiles and save data to another Nintendo Switch™ System. You can find this feature in System Settings --> Users --> Transferring Users and Save Data.
- ★ A pre-purchase option is available for certain games on Nintendo eShop for Nintendo Switch. This option also lets you pre-load the digital copy of a game to your device, allowing you to play quicker when the game is released.
- ★ There are additional adjustments and features for a more pleasant user experience.

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), check out the link below. Have fun with the new video capture feature – be sure to record lots of wonderful memories!

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

- ♦ For more details on video capture, please check your news feed for an article about it. It should magically be right there right now!
- ♦ The changes above are included in System Version 4.0.0. You can check the system version in Settings => System.
- ♦ You may have noticed, but the news feed has also been updated with a new look. Also, unfollowing a channel will remove that channel's content from your news feed while following the channel again will make it reappear.
- ♦ Seriously, who do I need to talk to about making "National System Update Day" a thing? Someone must be in charge of these holidays…

Learn how to capture video clips on the Nintendo Switch!

10/18/2017

Sometimes you do

Something crazy and cool,

And wish you could go back

With a video capture tool.

- A poem by Amelia N.

Did you like my poem? Ok, maybe it's not time for poems – it's time for an explanation! I'm very excited to tell you about the new video capture feature that's part of the Version 4.0.0 system update for Nintendo Switch™ console. If you've ever wanted to relive some of your glorious gaming moments, you can now capture video of the last 30 seconds of supported software. It's like time travel! Only without the fuss.

Here's what you do"

❶ Do something great in a supported game.

❷ Hold down ⧈ (that's the capture button) until you hear a chime.

❸ Check out the last 30 seconds of your gameplay that is saved to your Album.

Within your Album, you can also trim the beginning and ending of your clip to get the perfect moment and post it directly to Facebook or Twitter. Be creative and take videos of many different things: scenic locations, improbable escapes, or characters you like. Anything that makes for a good memory.

Currently you can capture video in the following games:

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- The Legend of Zelda™: Breath of the Wild (Version 1.3.0 and later)

- Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe (Version 1.3.0 and later)

- ARMS™ (version 3.1.0 and later)

- Splatoon™ 2 (version 1.2.0 and later)

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♦ (List as of 10/18/2017. Many more games will be adding support in the future!)

Also if you're planning on capturing a ton of great moments, we recommend using a microSD card with your system. Try asking for microSD cards that are "UHS-1" or more when you're at the store. Those will work swimmingly.

I hope you enjoy making videos. I can't wait to see what you cook up!

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

- This feature is included in "System Version 4.0.0" and only works with compatible games. You can check the system version in System Settings => Systems.
- Some Supported games may require an update to capture videos.
- Fun Fact: you can save up to 100 videos on the system's internal storage and up to 1,000 videos on a large enough microSD card (10 times more!).
- No secret message this time. But wait…by saying "there's no secret message" does that actually make this a secret message?! What a mystery!

New system update available!

3/12/2018

Hi everybody—I've missed you all! But now it's time for an update about the new update. Which is to say…there's a new update!
(My, that could have been said much more clearly.)

Version 5.0.0 has just been unsealed like a bag of chips, so let's talk about the main features:

- ★ You can now receive Nintendo Switch™ friend suggestions using new Facebook and Twitter options*. Check out User Page -> Friend Suggestions for more info. It's a great way to connect with more of your friends!
- ★ Profile icons featuring characters from the ARMS™ game and Kirby series have been added.
- ★ You can now filter News articles by channel. With your News feed open, access the Channel List by pressing Ⓨ. There's also an option to filter unread News articles—it's great for binge reading!
- ★ When you buy digital Nintendo Switch software from Nintendo.com (where available), the software will start downloading sooner than previously, even if the Nintendo Switch console is in Sleep Mode.
- ★ The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app for smart devices also received an update. You can now make exceptions to software start-up restrictions and allow your kids to play specific games you feel are appropriate. Also, you can stealthily enter your PIN number on the Nintendo Switch using the control stick…in case you need to avoid sneaky eyes from seeing your PIN!

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), check out the link below.

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

*Must be 13 or older to use this feature

- Oh, I almost forgot! News headlines that you've read will now appear in a lighter color. Looks like they're learning how to…lighten up!
- This isn't a new feature, but unread news articles have a glowing ● mark next to them! How does it glow? It's a mystery!
- Please excuse my "lighten up" joke. Unless you liked it…in that case, thank you!

New system update available!

9/18/2018

Hi everybody, it's certainly been awhile! Yes, it's that time again—it's time for an U-P-D-A-T-E!

Well, I guess I should say, "Nintendo Switch™ system update."

N-I-N-T-E…ok, that's too many letters to chant…

Err, instead, let's talk about some new features of Version 6.0.0.0:

- ★ After purchasing Nintendo Switch Online membership, you'll be able to back up your save data online for compatible games. For purchasing options, you can learn more at https://www.nintendo.com/switch-online
- ★ You can now post multiple screenshots from your album to supported social media services at the same time.*
- ★ Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker profile icons are now available. (Important note: they are very cute!)
- ★ This one's for parents or parental-type people. If you've set up parental controls on your system, articles that appear in your Nintendo Switch news feed will observe the Restricted Software setting. This means that you can limit access to certain news articles by using Restricted Software setting.
- ★ There are additional adjustments that features for a more pleasant user experience.

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), check out the link below. We hope you've been enjoying your Nintendo Switch!

Happy Gaming,

Amelia N.

*Must be 13 or older to use this feature.

- I normally have a hidden message here, but I don't know what to say. Hmm…wait! Did you know you can change the layout for USB keyboards that plug into the Nintendo Switch Dock? And that USB keyboards are sold separately?! This is totally true!

New System update available!

1/28/2019

Hiya, folks!

Amelia N. here with an update for you. A system update!

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Well actually, I just have a message about the system update. But I promise there will be a link to the update at the bottom! (Promise #2: Since this is version 7.0.0, I'm going to try and say "update" at least seven times. For good luck.)

Version 7.0.0:

- ★ New Super Mario Bros.™ U Deluxe user icons are now available. Spruce up your profile with some colorful characters from the Mushroom Kingdom.
- ★ There are additional adjustments and additions for a more pleasant user experience.

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), please click on the link below. We hope you've been enjoying your Nintendo Switch!

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

Want to change your user icon? First, select your Page by clicking the little icon on the top left of the HOME Menu. You can then change the pic by visiting the Profile or User Settings sections.
Oh, also I said "update" seven times! Hooray! Wait…since I said "update" again, that means it's eight times. Oh no…nine now. Wait, does the headline even count? Please, someone stop me!

New system update available!

4/15/2019

Hello everybody, Amelia N. here! Hope you're all having an eight day. Um, I mean great day. Sorry, I'm a little frazzled because I just eight a ton of pasta. Ate…I mean ate a ton of pasta.

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Oh my, I know why I'm saying "eight" a lot! It must be time for the 8.0.0 system upda…eight…no. Update.

Anyway, here's what's new!

Version 8.0.0:

- ★ You can now organize software titles within the All Software view that you can access by selecting "All Software" from the HOME Menu. Once there, pressing the R Button will give you a few options—find a view that works best for you. (Note: The All Software opinion appears when there are 13 software titles for more on the system.)
- ★ Did a fabulous news article get bumped off your news feed before you could read it? Fear not! In the News app, press the Y button to go to the Channel List. Here, you can see all news items currently being distributed. Scroll to the bottom of a list and select View All Available News.
- ★ User icons are now available of characters from the Splatoon™ 2 and Yoshi's Crafted World™ games. (Cute!!)
- ★ You can now transfer your save data for individual games to your other Nintendo Switch™ system. For quick access, press the + Button on the HOME Menu and select Transfer Your Save Data.
- ★ You can now Zoom in on the screen. You can turn this feature on by going to System Settings → System. Once it's enabled, you can use the zoom feature by pressing the HOME button twice.
- ★ There are additional adjustments and additions for a more pleasant user experience.

If you have not updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), please check out the link below.
Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

Oh, and there's one more function I'd like to introduce! If you use Handheld Mode a lot, check out System Settings → Sleep Mode and then turn OFF the "Wake When AC Adapter is Disconnected" option. Now your console will stay in Sleep mode when you undock it and take it out with you. It's nice if you need to head out in a hurry. Speaking of, I need to head out right now! I'm running very eight…I mean, late!

Did a news article leave your feed? Find it again with this feature!

5/28/2019

Why the glum face? Are you unable to find a news article that was just your News feed? Do you have a case if the missing news article? Don't worry, it happens to the best of us! Let's put on a fancy detective hat and find it.

(And by "put on a fancy detective hat" I actually mean "use a feature* that was recently added to the Nintendo Switch™ system.")
You see, many articles can now be seen for an extended period of time. Hooray!

Here's what you do:

① When you're on the main News feed, please press the Y Button to view Channel List.

② Select the news channel that has the article that you'd like to see. Many articles live in the Nintendo News channel, but please look around to see your options.

③ Go to the bottom of the news list and select View All Available News.

Phew, this detective stuff is fun. But if you still want some more tips…

Bonus Tip #1: If you can't seem to find a specific channel, scroll to the bottom of the list on the Channel List screen and select View More.

Bonus Tip #2: When you-re reading any ol' news article, please scroll to the bottom of the article to find a button called View Other Articles. It's a handy little shortcut.

Bonus Tip #3: To find more news channels, please press the + Button when you-re on the News feed. You can sample some articles there, but don't forget to press that Follow Channel Button if you like what you see. (Oh my, I'm starting to sound like an online video host!)

Ok, I hope this helps you out. Thank you very much for reading your News feed.

Happy gaming,

- Amelia N.

*This feature is part of System Version 8.0.0. You can check your system version (and update to the latest version) by going to System Settings -> System.

New system update available!

9/9/2019

Hello world! Amelia N. here. As always, thank you very much for reading this article. I mean you know technically haven't read it yet. But you did click on the thingy, and that's half the battle!

(Or maybe 1/4 the battle? 4% of the battle? Argh, the numbers!)

Ok, that's enough mathing—it's now time to get to the meat of the matter. Here's what's new in system update 9.0.0.
Version 9.0.0:

- ★ Looking to add a channel to your News feed? The new search feature will make finding game channels a snap. From the HOME Menu, clock on News, and go to Find Channels by pressing the + Button. You can find the search car there.

- ★ Check it! You can now use your Nintendo Switch system and Nintendo Account to check in at select Nintendo events and locations with your My Nintendo QR Code®. My Nintendo members who check in may even receive some fun benefits, such as giveaway items. Benefits will vary, so keep an eye on my.nintendo.com for updates!

- ★ There are additional adjustments and additions for a more pleasant user experience.

If you haven't updated your system yet (or would like to check your system version), please check out the link below.

Happy gaming,

Amelia N.

Normally I have something more to add on the bottom…but, you know what? Let's just take a few moments and enjoy our time together.

(Deep breath)

Moment…moment…moment…

New system update available!

4/13/2020

Hello everyone, Amelia N. here! It's nice to see you all again. Or…meet you for the first time. Or…hmm…I guess some of you may have met me but forgot we met. In that case, nice to…re-meet…you?

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Let's keep it going!

Hi, I'm Amelia N. and I talk about system updates. As the old saying goes, let's talk about system update 10.0.0.*

Version 10.0.0:

- ★ A bookmark feature has been added to News articles. Been browsing your news feed and see something you love? Just scroll down to the bottom of the article** and tap that Bookmark icon. You can check all your bookmarks by going to News from the HOME Menu, and by pressing the X Button.
- ★ Need to free up some space? You can now move software data between your system and microSD card (sold separately). You can find this option by going to Settings → Data Management. Note: you cannot move save data for certain types of update data.
- ★ Looking to cute-i-fy your user icon? You can now select characters from the Animal Crossing™: New Horizons game that just came out. Cuteness…overload…
- ★ And finally, you now have the option to change your controller button mapping. You can do this by going to settings → Controllers and Sensors → Change Button Mapping.
- ★ There are additional adjustments and additions for a more pleasant user experience.

Until next time, keep it updated! (I'm trying out a new catchphrase…hopefully it works for you.)

*Not an old saying.

**Want to try bookmarking something right now? After you update, you can try it out on this very article! Look below to see that beautiful button. So shiny…and bookmark-y, Irresistible.
Some other things you may want to bookmark:

- Articles about game sales.
- Articles that give out in-game items.
- Good puns you want to remember.
- Bad puns you want to remember.
- Other…stuff!

Thank you for reading. I hope you try it out!

New system update available!

11/30/2020

Hello, hello, wonderful readers!

Amelia N. Here with another update about updates. If you're a fan of numbers, today's system update is system update 11.0.0. Let's start with a fun fact about the number "11." You see, it's one of those numbers that…um…well…it looks the same if you read it forwards or backwards!

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Let's get to the updates!

Version 11.0.0

★ Nintendo Switch Online has been added to the HOME Menu. This is the one-stop place for all things Nintendo Switch Online! Members can easily access their member services here and check their membership status. It's also a nice place to catch up on the latest Nintendo Switch Online News – whether you're a member or not. (Please note this feature is not available in some countries/regions.)

★ Nintendo Switch Online members can now use the Save Data Cloud feature* to automatically download backed-up save data onto another system this is useful for folks who like to play on multiple systems (for example, if you own both a Nintendo Switch and a Nintendo Switch Lite system).

· Members can turn on automatic downloads by going here: ☼ (System Settings) → Data Management → Save Data Cloud.

★ The Trending feature has been added to user pages. If you're wondering what games are trending with your friends, be sure to check it out!

★ You can now quickly send screenshots and gameplay videos taken with the ⧈ Button to your compatible smart device.** It's easy to send them from your Album so give it a try! Transfers are done with the help of QR Code® magic, so get your parents help if you need it (or, depending on the parent, kids can help them out if they need it).

★ Speaking of transferring screenshots and gameplay videos, you can now connect your Nintendo Switch™ system to a computer with a compatible USB cable*** (sold separately) and copy screenshots and gameplay videos to the computer.

· You can find this feature by going to: ☼ (System Settings) → Data Management → Manage Screenshots and Videos → Copy to a Computer via USB Connection.

★ You can now select which software you want to download first when downloading multiple software titles.

★ To celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Super Mario Bros.™ series, you can select user icons of Mario from past games in the series (I recommend saying "Let's-a-go!" out loud while selecting one).

★ If you see the Change Button Mapping feature, you can now give different names to your presets

★ · You can find this feature by going to: ☼ (System Settings) → Controllers and Sensors → Change Button Mapping

★ You can now select Brazilian Portuguese as a system language. Olá!

And here we are at the end. Thanks for reading, and please click the link below to update your system.

Happy Gaming,

Amelia N.

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*Nintendo Switch Online membership (sold separately) and Nintendo Account required. Save Data Cloud backup available in compatible games. Not available in all countries, Internet access is required for online features. Terms apply. Nintendo.com/switch-online

**Persistent internet connection and compatible smart device required. Data charges may apply

***The Nintendo USB charging cable (model No. HAC-010) or a USB-IF certified cable that supports data transfer is required for copying screenshots and gameplay videos to a computer. Please note that Nintendo has only play-tested this feature with the Nintendo USB charging cable.

***Ok, my fun fact was a bust, so how about a magic trick? Amelia the fortune teller is here to predict…which games are trending with your friends!

~~Step 1: First, I'll just need to borrow your Nintendo Switch…

~~Step 2: Now I'll hold it firmly in both hands like so…

~~Step 3: Now, I'll gaze at it and speak the magic words…

Mr. Switch, Mr. Switch

I implore thee.

Tell me what trends…

among my friends!

~~Step 3a: (I just need to open Trending on the user page without getting caught…)

~~Step 4: And voila! The answer has appeared on the screen!

(Nailed it.)

New system update available!

9/14/2021

Hey, listen!*

Amelia N. here with info about the latest system update. I'll try not to talk your ear off, so if that sounds like a plan, let's make some noise and…um…hope my words, err, strike a chord?

(Phew, nailed it!)

System update 13.0.0 adds a feature that has to do with one of your five senses, so let's take a moment to learn more.
Hmm, I wonder which sense it is…

Version 13.0.0

★ Bluetooth® audio support has been added. If you already own some compatible earbuds, headphones, or speakers, you can now pair them with your Nintendo Switch™ system and output audio to them. Look at you go! ♫

There are four things to know about this:

#1: Up to two compatible wireless controllers can connect while using Bluetooth audio.

#2: Bluetooth audio will be disconnected during local communication.

#3: Bluetooth microphones can't be used..

#4: You may experience audio latency depending on your Bluetooth device.

#5: Err, I guess I only said that there were four things. Please ignore this one!

You can update your system by pressing the button below.

As always, thanks for reading and happy gaming!

- Amelia N.

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* I've always wanted to say that!

P.S. Oh, one more thing! I was just puttering about my system and had a reminder for you. If you haven't tried sending screenshots or videos from your Nintendo Switch directly to your mobile device, you should give it a whirl. Just go to ▫ (Album) on your system and select the content you want to send. Then select Sharing and Editing → Send to Smartphone and follow the instructions. Presto!

P.S.S. Last thing for real! Before I leave, I would like to formally apologize for all the jokes in this article. I suppose I don't know when to dial it down. Oh no, it happened again! Please don't sound off about this. Ahh!

New Update Available!

3/21/2022

Hello beautiful people!

Amelia N. here to introduce a new system feature. Just give me a second to group my thoughts together.

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But why did I italicize “groups” you may ask? Well, all will be revealed in roughly five seconds*.

Version 14.0.0

★ There’s a new feature for sorting your software. It’s called…(drumroll)…Groups! You can find it under All Software** on the HOME Menu. Just keep tap tap tapping right on the control stick to get there…

…oooor you can use Amelia’s Super Fun Life Hack #1 to get there in style. If you’re on the left side of the HOME Menu, try pressing left on the Control Stick one more time. Here, to show I’m not trying to trick you, I’ll do it too.

~~~WHOOSH! What a rush!!~~~

Anywho, once you’re in All Software, press the L Button to get started. You can make all sorts of Groups and name them what you want. For example, you can group together all your games that have hot dog buns. Or maybe group together games that feature ketchup. Or maybe group games where you collect cans of soda. And yes, maybe I am just looking at my fridge right now (geez, I wish this fridge had a sorting feature).

You can update your system by pressing the button below!

Happy gaming everyone,

Amelia N.

* This really depends on how fast you read.

** The All Software option only displays if you have at least 13 software titles. Lucky number 13!

PS Now that I’ve organized my software into Groups, let’s keep this party going by cleaning my room too! First, I just need to find my Joy-Con™ controllers. Hmm, now where did those rascals go? It might be time to use Amelia’s Super Fun Life Hack #2 and go to Controllers --> Find controllers from the HOME Menu.

BZZZ!

Ah HA! Thanks, Amelia’s Life Hack #2: They were in the bread box all along. I guess I was hungry…
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New System Update Available!

4/29/2025

Hello, you wonderful readers!

Amelia N. is here once again to introduce new features for your Nintendo Switch™ system. If you don't know me, I'm the gal who, um, introduces new features for your Nintendo Switch system.

(Wait, I do more than that! Like…err…wait, OK, let's move on. Let's get to features!)

Version 20.0.0

- ★ Two new features are coming to your HOME Menu: virtual game cards and GameShare.
- ★ With virtual game cards, you can easily check the digital games that you have (aw, they look like little game cards lined up!). And if you have two systems, you can also digitally eject a virtual game card from one system and then load it onto a second one*.

  There's more you can do with this feature, so why not try it for yourself? Just look for the icon on your HOME Menu**.
- ★ GameShare*** is a new feature that you'll be able to use soon(ish). After Nintendo Switch 2 launches, you can play a compatible game with someone who has a Nintendo Switch 2 system-*even if you don't own the game*! These games can be shared to your system from a nearby Nintendo Switch 2 system.
- ★ A couple of the options in ☼ (System Settings) are getting a makeover!
- ● With Transfer Your Save Data, you can now send multiple save-data files in a single batch.
- ● You will now be able to perform a System Transfer to Nintendo Switch 2 to easily transfer stuff like user data and more. An internet connection and a Nintendo Account are required.

This feature includes two options: one for if your new Nintendo Switch 2 is nearby (obviously, you can only do this after you have a Nintendo Switch 2 system-out June 5!) and one for if you don't have a Nintendo Switch 2 system yet. The second option will actually upload your data to a cloud-server thingy until you're ready to transfer! Just keep in mind that this option will initialize your current Nintendo Switch (useful if you're planning to sell it or give it away).

- ★ There have been other small additions and adjustments to improve user experience. Hooray for small additions and adjustments!

You can update your system by pressing the button below.

Happy gaming, everyone!
Amelia N.

*An internet connection is required when loading or ejecting virtual game cards. And if you have three or more systems, you can use an online verification method. Just go to your user page, and select User Settings ⇒ Online License Settings for more info.

Oh, and for some pro tips for virtual game cards! Try pressing either **+ or **-** on the controller for a squeaky-clean look. It might be fun to take a screenshot of your digital game collection with a quick press of ◙ (Capture Button).

***Software update required. Nintendo Switch 2 required to initiate GameShare. And since you made it to the end of the article, you get a big thank-you from me! Thank you!!

New System Update Available!

3/16/2026

Hi, everyone!

Amelia N. here and…WOAH. What a fancy place! Yup, it seems that you're reading this on the Nintendo Switch™ 2 system. That means we have a new update to talk about.

Version 20.0.0

Hey, have you heard of something called GameChat*? Yep, it's a four-legged animal that likes gam- Uh, wait, that's not right. That's a game *cat*. No, GameChat is a Nintendo Switch 2 feature that lets you chat with friends while playing games. We made it a li'l more convenient with the latest update, and there's now a feature that helps you keep track of who's who on your friend list.

★ You can now invite additional friends to your active GameChat group. For example, imagine you're chatting with your friends, and someone goes, "Hey, let's invite my friend Johnny!" Well, now you can also invite Johnny without making a new group.

★ You can now leave personal notes for yourself about friends in your friend list. This is a nice way to keep track of who's who (especially when someone changes their nickname or icon). Just remember that these notes are for your use only, so they won't be visible to other people. You won't have to keep wondering who Johnny is.

★ We also made other little improvements here and there. If you want to learn more, head on over to a helpful site called https://support.nintendo.com

(I often go there to check stuff!)

You can update your system by giving the button below a good press. If you're not sure if you've updated yet, pressing it will also let you know**. I also just like to press buttons. Press, press, press.
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*Internet, Nintendo Switch Online membership, and Nintendo Account for online features, including GameChat. Not available in all countries. Terms and GameChat requirements apply. support.nintendo.com. Until March 31, 2026, GameChat can be used without a Nintendo Switch Online membership. Afterward, a Nintendo Switch Online membership will be required to use GameChat.

**You can also check your system's version by going to ☼ (System Settings) → System.

Oh, wait, are you still here? You know, since you're here, how about I sing a new song I've been working on?

♪Sometimes a friend's house is so far awaay.

So, what if you want to meet up and plaay?

(Dramatic pause.)

Well, GameChat is one waaay! ♪

Thank you. I'm, uh, still working on it.